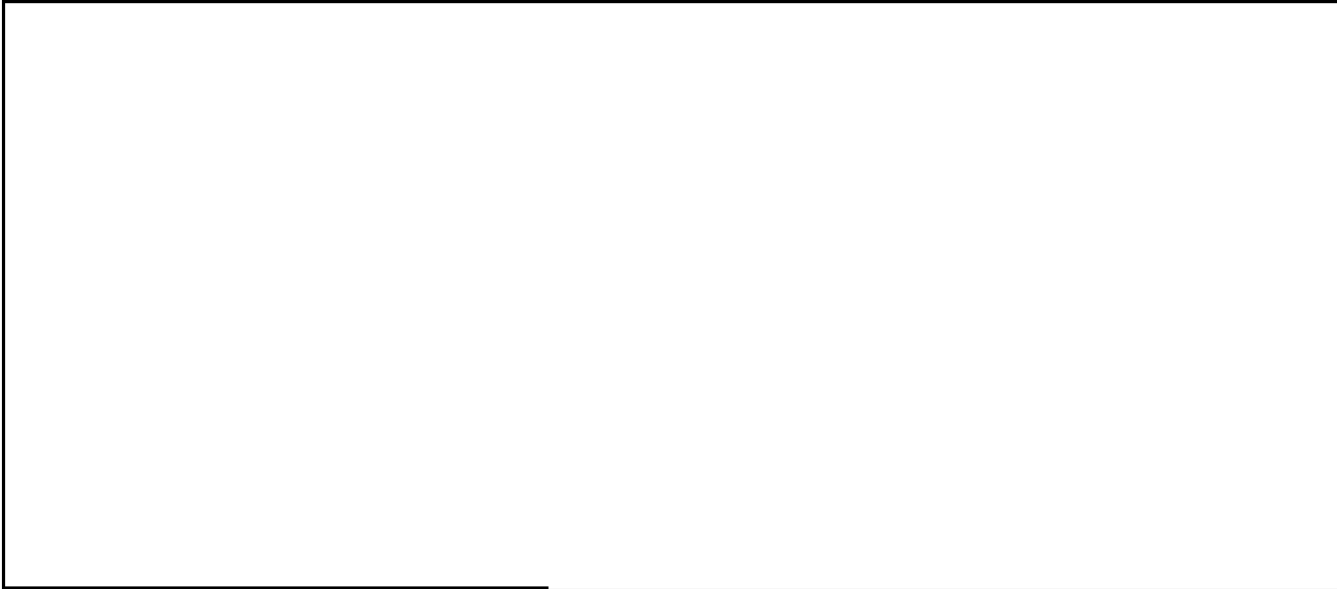


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[redacted] Called Herb Roback, House Government Operations Committee staff, and brought him up-to-date on our most recent contacts with Bill Jones, Government Activities Subcommittee staff. I also told him that although we had agreed to defer the settlement date for the sale of SAT until 3 or 4 January [redacted] had been able to make his financial arrangements and the settlement will take place on 31 December. I said Jones was holding over our head the fact that he would not be in touch with Representative Brooks until 3 January and implied that Brooks might attempt some action which would indicate that there is a cloud on the title on this airline sale. Roback said he thought we ought to "plunge ahead" but he did not want to be put in the middle of our dealings with Brooks on the matter. He pointed out that Brooks is trying to carve out areas of jurisdiction for his Subcommittee and has, in fact, obstructed the sale of other Government surplus property for an extended period. Roback further agreed with my position that any deferment of the settlement of this sale in deference to Brooks would be interpreted as an acknowledgement of Brooks jurisdiction which we have contested. I thanked Roback for his counsel and told him I would send him a copy of the legal brief on this issue.

Roback asked if we were also planning to sell Air America and I told him we were. He wondered if this was another result of our "going public." I told him I thought it was rather the result of a growing feeling, shared even by some members of our Committees, that the Agency should not become involved in operations such as the ones conducted in Laos and therefore we would not need this kind of capability. Further, there were some commercial airlines, like Continental, which presumably could be used at least to a limited degree. Roback said he felt the day will come when in a different situation the Agency will be expected to conduct some of the activities which are now being frowned upon and he hated to see us lack the capability to meet these situations.

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